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1. As of late March 1955, the following Soviet military installations were located in Riga:

a. An officers' training school is located at Gimnastikas iela No. 1, Riga. Officers of the rank of junior lieutenant to colonel are being trained at this school. These officers are primarily from the infantry, but artillery and tank officers have also been observed. Approximately 200 trainees are in the school. [redacted] the staff members of the school change from time to time. The school is heavily guarded.

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b. A Soviet Army headquarters (staff) is located at the corner of Lenina (Brivibas) iela and Raina bulvars. [redacted] infantry, tank, Air Force, Navy, etc., officers around this area almost constantly.

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c. A communications unit is located at the corner of Jelgavas iela and Vienibas gatve. From personal observation, [redacted] this unit consisted of about 100 men.

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d. An antiaircraft battery of medium caliber is located near the pontoon bridge, on the left bank of the Daugava River.

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2. [redacted] abnormal concentration of armed forces in the Riga area.

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3. [redacted] it is impossible to ascertain either the number of an armed forces unit or its location from the uniform.

4. As of March 1955, the Class of 1936 was being drafted in the Latvian SSR.

5. As a result of Communist mismanagement, the food situation in Riga is very difficult and there are lines in front of the stores. [redacted] it seems as if the kolkhoz organization has "fallen through", although Communist propaganda will not admit this and tries to explain things by citing the run-down condition of the kolkhozy and the mistakes of the former leaders.

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6. [redacted] resistance groups exist in the Latvian SSR. However, they are small groups because they have to work in the strictest secrecy because of strong security troop countermeasures.

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